

2014 American Cultural Series: World Refugee Day



The U.S. Embassy invites Korean Students to the American Cultural Series Program Celebrating World Refugee Day.

- Date : Friday, June 20, 2014
- Time: 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- Venue: American Center Korea, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Seoul

Program Schedule:

- 3:10 P.M. Students arrive at the American Center Korea
3:10-3:30 Registration (Light refreshments will be served.)
- 3:30 Opening**
3:30-3:40 Briefing on ACK Services and Web Resources
3:40-3:50 Introduction of the U.S. Embassy Internship
3:50-4:00 Introduction of Speaker
4:00-5:00 **Presentation about “World Refugee Day” by Sonia J. Kim and Isabelle Chan, Political Officers, U.S. Embassy Seoul**
5:00 Program ends with Group Photo

“On World Refugee Day, the United States stands with the more than 45 million people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and political violence.”

*-President Obama,
June 20, 2013*

Speaker’s Bio

Sonia J. Kim

Sonia J. Kim is a Foreign Service Officer currently working as a Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. She was previously the Staff Assistant to Sung Kim, the U.S. Ambassador to Korea. She also worked as a Political Reporting Officer at the U.S. Mission to the UN in New York, and as an Economic and Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Before becoming a diplomat, Sonia worked for World Relief, an international non-profit organization, with resettled refugees in Georgia, and on tsunami recovery efforts in Indonesia. Sonia has a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning & International Development from MIT, and a Master of Public of Administration in Human Rights & Humanitarian Affairs from Columbia University. She speaks Korean, French, and Haitian Creole.

Isabelle Chan

Isabelle Chan is a Foreign Service Officer currently working as a Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. She previously covered human rights, refugee issues, trafficking in persons, and women's empowerment at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi from 2011-2013. Before becoming a diplomat, Isabelle worked to combat gender-based violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cambodia. Isabelle has a Bachelor of Arts from Macalester College, and a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. She speaks French, Khmer, Spanish, Hindi, and Korean.